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PLANET OF THE APES VERSUS FANTASTIC FOUR

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AMONG THE CELESTIAL BODIES, THOSE THAT HAVE COME BEFORE--AND THOSE YET FORMED--FEW GARNER AS MUCH ATTENTION AS THIS *SOLAR SYSTEM.*

A MODEST ASSEMBLAGE OF PLANETS AROUND A SINGLE STAR, YET THE DESTINIES OF *ALL WORLDS* LIE HERE...

...WITH *EARTH.*

TOO OFTEN I HAVE SPECULATED ON THE POSSIBILITIES--THE PROMISE, AND *THE PERIL,* OF THIS SINGULAR PLACE.

CATALOGING AND WITNESSING THESE STORIES IS MY LIFE'S MISSION.

SO MANY *IMPOSSIBLE* AND *FANTASTIC* STORIES CALL EARTH HOME...BUT *NEVER* HAVE THESE TWO COLLIDED...

"...UNTIL TODAY!"

"REED," "SUSAN," "BENJAMIN," AND "JONATHAN," YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH THE MOST SERIOUS OF CRIMES... *HERESY!*

YOUR PUNISHMENT, SHOULD THIS TRIBUNAL FIND YOU GUILTY, IS *DEATH!*

KILL THE HUMANS!
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ENOUGH!

WE WILL FOLLOW *APE LAW* AND GIVE THESE HUMANS A FAIR TRIAL!

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO, *CORNELIUS.*

I'M AFRAID NOT, DEAR *ZIRA,* FOR THE OTHERS WILL NOT HESITATE TO PUNISH *US* SHOULD WE INTERVENE.

IF WE HAD OUR POWERS, I'D MELT THROUGH THESE ROPES IN AN INSTANT!

THIS PATHETIC FARCE OF A TRIAL MERELY DELAYS THE INEVITABLE! *APE CITY DEMANDS JUSTICE!*

WHAT A REVOLTIN' DEVELOPMENT THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE.

WE FOLLOW THE RULES SET FORTH BY THE LAWGIVER, ***GENERAL URSUS***. OR DO YOU NOW THINK YOURSELF ABOVE HIM?

HRRNF! I DO NOT, ***DR. ZAIUS***.

THEN LET US CARRY ON WITH THE PROCEEDINGS.

INTERESTING...

IF THIS COURT WILL ALLOW IT, DOCTOR, WE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN OUR OWN DEFENSE.

IN YOUR OWN DEFENSE? A HUMAN SPEAKING AT ALL IS ***REMARKABLE***, LET ALONE ONE SPEAKING SO ELOQUENTLY!

I'LL PRETEND THAT'S A COMPLIMENT.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF WHEN THEY'RE NOT BEING ENSLAVED.

DOUBTFUL!

YOU MAY SPEAK, BUT PLEASE DO SO QUICKLY.

THE CROWD'S FERVOR SUGGESTS THERE IS ***LITTLE TIME*** FOR MEDIATION.

WE ARE SIMPLE *TRAVELERS*, FORCED FROM OUR OWN PLANET THROUGH NO FAULT OF OUR--

LET ME HANDLE THIS ONE, SIS!

JOHNNY!

TRUST ME!

DON'T MAKE SUSIE DO THE IMPOSSIBLE, HOTHEAD!

LOOK, DUDE. WE'RE HEROES, NOT THIEVES!

WE'RE THE Fantastic Four!

YOUR *QUALITY* REMAINS UNDETERMINED, BUT YOU LEAVE THIS TRIBUNAL WITH MANY QUESTIONS.

YOU ARE CLEARLY *YET ANOTHER* HERETICAL SCIENTIFIC MANIPULATION OF THE CHIMPANZEE SCIENTIST, DOCTOR ZIRA! WHY DO YOU INSIST OTHERWISE?

YOU SAY YOU CAME FROM A *FAR-OFF WORLD.* THEN HOW DID YOU ARRIVE HERE? *AND WHY?*

ONLY YESTERDAY WE WERE HOME, IN NEW YORK CITY WHERE *THINGS ARE MUCH DIFFERENT.*

JOHNNY, DON'T--

BUT, TO BE FAIR, *THE APES WERE TRYING TO KILL US THERE TOO!*

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Yesterday.

THOK!

JOHNNY!

RED GHOST, THIS IS BOLD EVEN COMING FROM YOU! SENDING YOUR SUPER-APES TO BREAK INTO THE BAXTER BUILDING!

GET HIM, BEN!

I'M SORRY, COMRADE, BUT THE WORLDS ARE ALIGNED FOR ONLY SO LONG.

SHOULD I HAVE ASKED FOR PERMISSION, FANTASTIC FOUR?

WHIF

AW, GEEZ! HE GHOSTED ME AGAIN!

SKWAARRRRNNG!

NOW FINISH THE JOB, MIKLHO!

THUNK!

JOHNNY!

I'D STOP RIGHT THERE IF I WERE YOU.

RAGH!

VERY WELL...

...IF YOU INSIST!

SLAM!!!

JUST A FEW MORE MOMENTS OF YOUR POWER, DEAR PEOTOR.

HOLD STEADY.

THESE ***WANNABE KONGS*** RUINED ENOUGH OF OUR AFTERNOON! RIGHT, SUZIE?

NOW BACK OFF FROM REED'S ***WHATEVER IT IS*** AND AM-SCRAY!

NYET!

YOU WON'T INTERFERE WITH ME, REED RICHARDS, FOR YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS DEVICE IS.

THE DI-QUANTUM STABILIZER!

YOUR DEVICE'S ***COSMIC FREQUENCIES*** CAN SERVE AS A ***BEACON*** FOR INTERDIMENSIONAL/ INTERCHRONAL TRAVEL.

AS WELL AS A TETHER.

WHAT LUDICROUS SCHEME HAVE YOU COME UP WITH NOW, GHOST? HAVEN'T YOUR MALEVOLENT EXPERIMENTS ON THESE APES BEEN ENOUGH?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

THE EMPIRE THAT BIRTHED ME NO LONGER EXISTS...

PERHAPS I CAN REBUILD IT *SOMEWHERE ELSE.*

BEN, KEEP THE ORANGUTAN FROM THE DI-QUANTUM STABILIZER!

TRY SAYING THAT THREE TIMES FAST!

MAHAHAHAHAAAA!!

SUE, CONTAINMENT FIELD!

ON IT!

HNNN.

IT'S ACTIVATING!

EVERYONE STAY BACK!

I CAN'T HOLD--

AND SO, WHAT BECAME OF THESE "SUPER-APES" YOU ***ASSAULTED*** IN THIS EXPLOSION?

DO FORGIVE US IF I MISSED A DETAIL...

OH, THEM?

I'M SURE THEY TURNED OUT, *UH...*

HUH.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, HE WAS OUT COLD THE WHOLE TIME!

THAT GORILLA REALLY CLEANED HIS CLOCK.

DO YOU GUYS HAVE, *UH*, CLOCKS OUT HERE?

FORGIVE MY FAMILY, DOCTOR. WHATEVER WAS TO HAPPEN TO RED GHOST AND HIS ALLIES HAD INSTEAD BEFALLEN US.

WHETHER THEY REMAIN IN THE BAXTER BUILDING-- ***ON OUR WORLD***-- IS CURRENTLY UNKNOWN!

BUT THE FACT IS, WE CAME HERE AGAINST OUR WILL.

LOST--***AND POWERLESS!***

REMARKABLE! A WORLD OF ***HUMANS*** FULL OF SKILLS AND SPECIAL ABILITIES UNLIKE ANYTHING WE COULD EVER IMAGINE!

TO MERELY SUGGEST A HUMAN SOCIETY SO ADVANCED COULD EVER EXIST IS HERESY!

THIS WON'T SERVE THEM WELL IN THE EYES OF THE APE ASSEMBLY...

"HOWEVER THESE FOUR FIRST GOT TO OUR WORLD, I FEAR THEIR STAY WILL BE *SHORT-LIVED!*"

earlier.

KRRZAPPP!

--IT BACK!

THE RED GHOST, HE--

OH MY, BEN!

WHAT IS IT, SUSIE?

MY FACE?! WHAT HAS THAT RUSSKI DONE NOW?!

THE COSMIC ENERGIES IN THE EXPLOSION MUST HAVE *NEUTRALIZED* OUR ABILITIES.

BUT WHEREVER WE ARE, AT LEAST THE ATMOSPHERE IS STABLE.

'ERE, LEMME HELP YOU UP. YOU OKAY?

BEN GRIMM! WELL, IF YOU AREN'T A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES.

NO POWERS? *NO PROBLEM!*

LET'S FIND THE LOCAL SPECIES, BORROW A LAWN MOWER, AND REED WILL SOUP IT UP TO GET US BACK HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER!

WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE *TECH LEVEL* IS IN THIS WORLD.

OR IF THIS PLACE IS INHABITED AT ALL.

VEEEEHOOOOOOOONNNNN

WHAZZAT?

A HORN!

SO THEY'VE GOT MUSIC AT LEAST! THIS'LL BE EASY.

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT, JOHNNY.

SOMETHING TELLS ME THE LOCALS AREN'T EXACTLY FRIENDLY.

THWAK!

RATTAT TTATTA!

THOSE APES ARE ATTACKING THE HUMANS! I NEVER THOUGHT THE RED GHOST WAS CAPABLE OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

WE GOTTA HELP THEM!

OH BROTHER, HERE COMES THE WELCOME WAGON!

CRACK!

CAREFUL, REED!

YOU DARE DEFY ME, FOUL BEAST?!

MISERABLE HUMANS!

KRAK!

AGHH!

HEY, UGLY--THAT'S MY FRIEND YER SNAPPING AT!

BY THE LAWGIVER--!

THEY SPEAK.

HE'S RUNNING AWAY!

HUH?

JOHNNY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'LL BE FINE, REED. BUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?

DID YOU SEE THAT? THEY RODE ON HORSEBACK *AND SPOKE ENGLISH!*

HAS THE RED GHOST CREATED A WORLD WHERE *APES* ARE THE DOMINANT SPECIES? IT CAN'T BE!

THOSE HORSES MAKE ME THINK THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY MAKING SUPERCOMPUTERS HERE.

NO, BUT WE WON'T KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR SOCIETY, THEIR CIVILIZATION.

I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING CIVILIZED ABOUT *THAT!*

I SAY WE RUN FOR IT! BETTER WE KEEP LOOKING FOR HELP THAN GET ROUNDED UP LIKE CATTLE.

WHATEVER WE DECIDE, WE'D BETTER DO IT QUICK!

THEY'RE BACK FOR MORE!

WHAM!

JOHNNY, WATCH OUT!

OOF!

HNNG!

SLAM

KNEEL, PATHETIC HUMAN.

GOOD, HUMAN. STAY.

SHALL WE SEND THEM TO THE PRISON?

NO, GENERAL URSUS WILL WANT TO INSPECT THE HUMANS FIRST.

ANOTHER HUMAN TALKING. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS?

"ANOTHER"?

LET THE APE ASSEMBLY TELL US WHAT IT MEANS.

"AND SO, YOU SEE, WISE COUNCIL, WE HAD *NO IDEA* WHAT WE WOULD FIND ONCE WE ARRIVED HERE.

WOWZA!

MY WORD!

"AFTER ALL, HOW COULD WE?"

SO YOUR DEFENSE IS... *IGNORANCE?*

TO YOUR CUSTOMS, YOUR LAWS!

ALLOW US THE CHANCE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT AND TO RETURN TO OUR OWN PLANET *IN PEACE.*

I VOW THAT WE WILL NEVER CROSS YOUR PATH AGAIN, DOCTOR.

HMMMM...

WHAT DO YOU THINK OUR ODDS ARE, JOHNNY?

WITH THIS BOX OF ANIMAL CRACKERS?

I WOULDN'T HOLD MY BREATH!

KILL THEM! KILL THEM!

SILENCE!

WE HAVE REACHED A VERDICT!

WHAT YOU HAVE SPOKEN OF THIS DAY DEFIES EXPLANATION AND ***THE NATURAL ORDER!***

DO YOU SHARE A ***DELUSION,*** OR ARE YOU ***CONSPIRING*** TO SWAY THE JUDGMENT OF YOUR CRIMES AGAINST APEKIND?

I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LED WITH JOHNNY.

DID YOU HAVE A MORE COMPELLING ARGUMENT, BEN?

IN ANY CASE, WE FIND THESE SO-CALLED FANTASTIC FOUR ***GUILTY!***

NO!

AS THE LAWGIVER'S 29TH SCROLL, 6TH VERSE PROCLAIMS: "BEWARE THE BEAST MAN, FOR HE IS THE DEVIL'S--"

HNNNG!!!

DOCTOR! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HRRRFNNG!

WHAT IS HAPPENING?!

MY SKIN, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S--IT'S-- CHANGING!

LET ME HELP YOU--

MY WORD!

CORNELIUS, I THINK I'M...

...DISAPPEARING!

MY HANDS ARE *FLAMES*, YET I FEEL NOTHING!

THINGS HAVE TAKEN A TURN FOR THE *BIZARRE*, GENERAL...

...AND IT APPEARS WE HAVE A SITUATION ON OUR HANDS!

REED, *OUR POWERS!*

COULD THIS HAVE BEEN THE RED GHOST'S PLAN ALL ALONG? STILL, THIS ALL MAKES ME WONDER...

"...WHERE-- *OR WHEN*-- IS HE?"

THERE IS LITTLE TIME TO WASTE. WE MUST REPAIR THE DEVICE AT ONCE, OR I'LL LOSE TRACK OF THAT WORLD *FOREVER!*

AID ME, AND TOGETHER, WE CAN RULE THE COSMOS! *FINALLY, A UNION WORTHY OF OUR GRAND INTELLECTS!*

NO.

WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY OFFER THE GLORIOUS NATION OF LATVERIA IN EXCHANGE FOR REPAIRING YOUR *STOLEN* TECHNOLOGY?

I HAVE STRIPPED REED RICHARDS AND HIS FAMILY OF THEIR ABILITIES AND STRANDED THEM IN A WORLD OVERRUN WITH APES...

CERTAINLY YOU CAN DO SOMETHING WITH THAT, CAN YOU NOT...

...DOCTOR DOOM!

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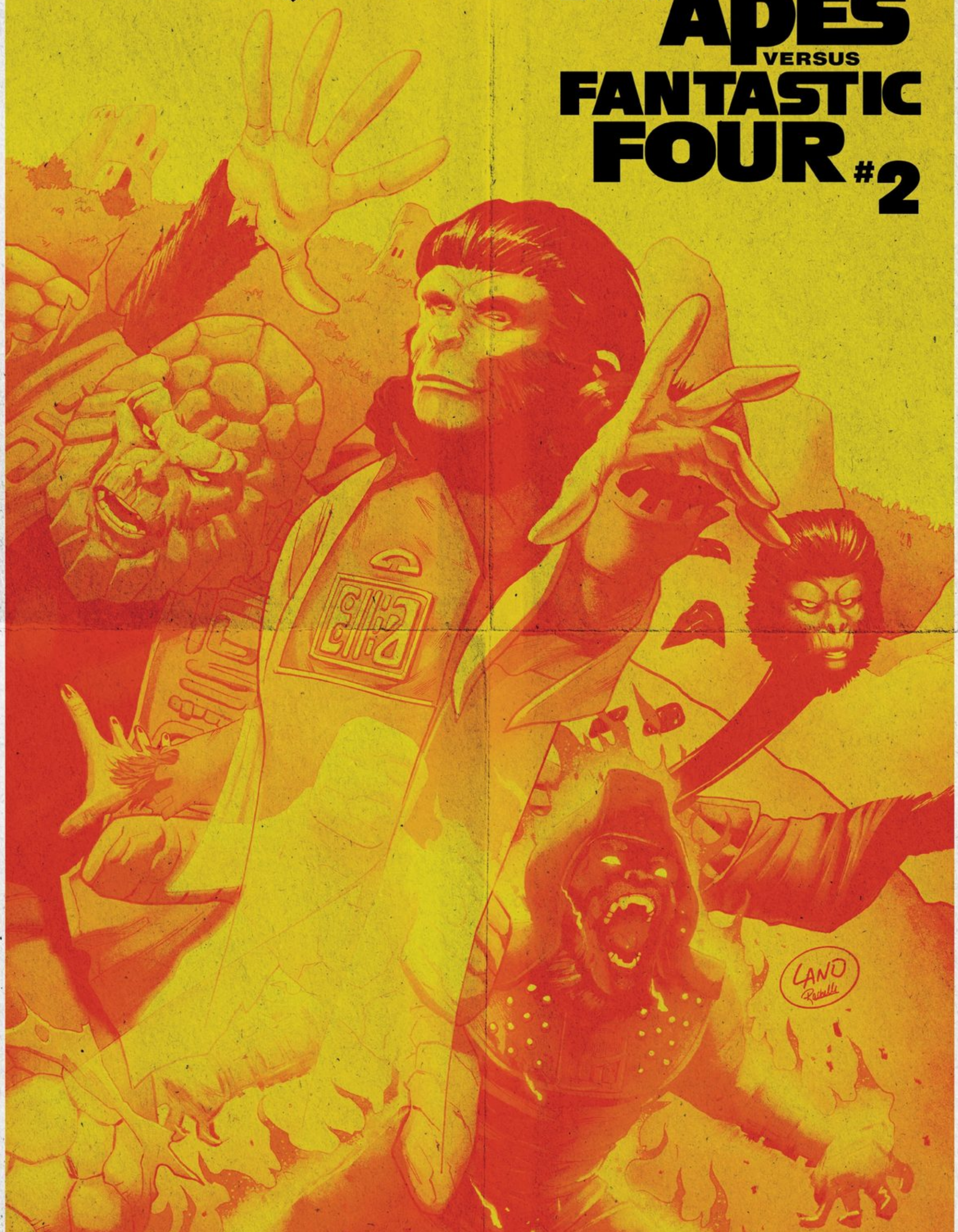

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